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To: Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs)

Clean Water Indiana, (CWI) administered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture-Division of Soil Conservation (ISDA-DSC) under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB), has been given a \$1 million increase over a two year period by the legislature. This opportunity will allow an increase in our cooperative conservation efforts, and the SSCB is looking for your input on the best use for the funds.

The increased resources were approved by the legislature in order to **leverage funds, build SWCD capacity, and increase technical assistance.** As stewards of the CWI fund, the SSCB and ISDA-DSC have put together some broad ideas to carry out these expectations and provide support to SWCDs. All participants at the initial SSCB sub-committee conversations and meetings determined that to make any idea successful required the input of CWI stakeholders and SWCD field staff across the state. Your thoughts, ideas, and observations are encouraged at this time.

Many have already heard about the SSCB and ISDA-DSC ideas that were presented at the June 12 SSCB meeting. To learn about background information on CWI funding, information on the SSCB ideas and responses to some frequently asked questions visit www.in.gov/isda/soil/swcd/cwi/input.html. For a hard copy of this information, please contact Jeannie Keating, ISDA Communications Manager at jkeating@isda.in.gov or 317.696.9695.

In addition, SSCB and ISDA-DSC are hosting eight conference calls this Friday, June 29. Because one call is not compatible to our conference call system, we have broken up the calls by region. These calls are not intended to be input sessions, but because some areas have more limited internet access than others we felt this would be another avenue to provide information and offer the presentation. The number to call for the scheduled conference call is (866) 899-5399, and then you will also need to enter a meeting room number: ***9031031***. Please note to punch in the (*) before and after the number.

All conference call times are Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and are as follows:

Central Northwest Region	8:00 - 8:45 a.m.
Central Northeast Region	9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
Central Southeast Region	10:15 - 1:00 a.m.
Central Southwest Region	11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Southeast Region	1:15 - 2:00 p.m.
Northeast Region	2:15 - 3:00 p.m.
Northwest Region	3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
Southwest Region	4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

How can you provide your input?

- Visit www.in.gov/isda/soil/swcd/cwi/input.html and click on the “CWI Input” link
- Return the enclosed envelope with a letter containing your suggestions
- Attend any of five public meetings that will be held throughout the state starting July 9

The SSCB is very interested in your input on their preliminary ideas, as well as new ideas for these funds that will support the expectations of the legislature.

All public meetings will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., local time. After a brief presentation, comments, questions and ideas will be accepted both verbally and in writing. We will ask everyone to limit verbal comments to five minutes in length in order to allow all those in attendance a chance to participate. Summary transcripts from the meetings will be posted at www.in.gov/isda/soil/swcd/cwi/input.html. Dates and locations for the public meetings are as follows:

July 9, Parkview Whitley Hospital, Meeting Room A & B 353 N. Oak,
Columbia City, IN (Enter at lobby and take elevator to rooms).

July 10, St. Mary’s Parish Center, 212 Washington St., North Vernon, IN

July 11, IPL Conference Facilities, 6925 N State Road 57, Petersburg, IN

July 12, Best Western Brandywine Inn and Suites, Conference Room
304 South 6th Street, Monticello, IN

July 16, Indiana Farm Bureau, 225 South East St., Indianapolis, IN

Visit www.in.gov/isda/soil/swcd/cwi/input.html for a map to these locations.

The SSCB looks forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas for use of the increased CWI funds. The opportunities they offer will ultimately increase conservation in Indiana.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Eddleman
State Soil Conservation Board Chairman